

How to transfer video from mini-DV camcorder to a PC

(Digital video recorder or Digital camcorders)

Keeping it simple there are three kinds of digital video recorders and the distinction is how they capture the video image:

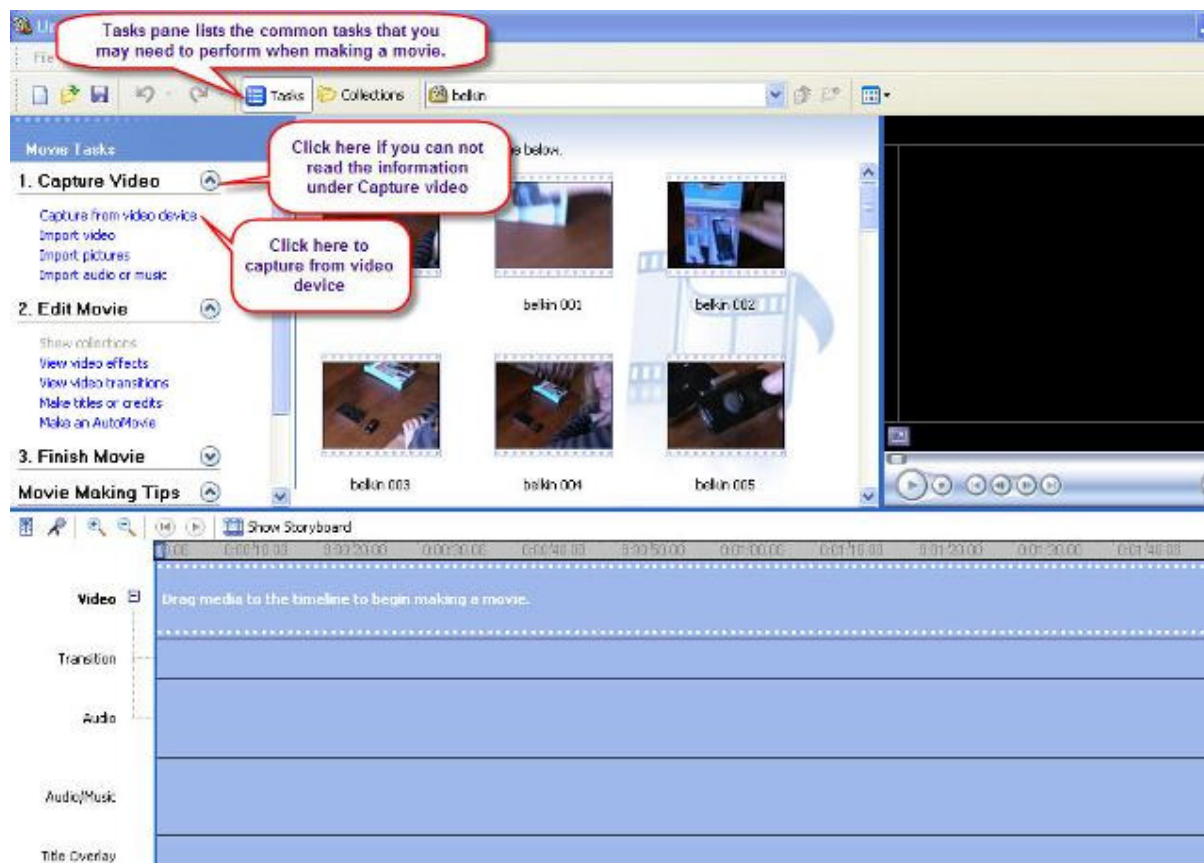
1. Mini DV (which is a mini tape - tape can hold about 45 minutes of video footage)
2. DVD - records directly onto a DVD disc
3. HDD (Hard Disk Drive)



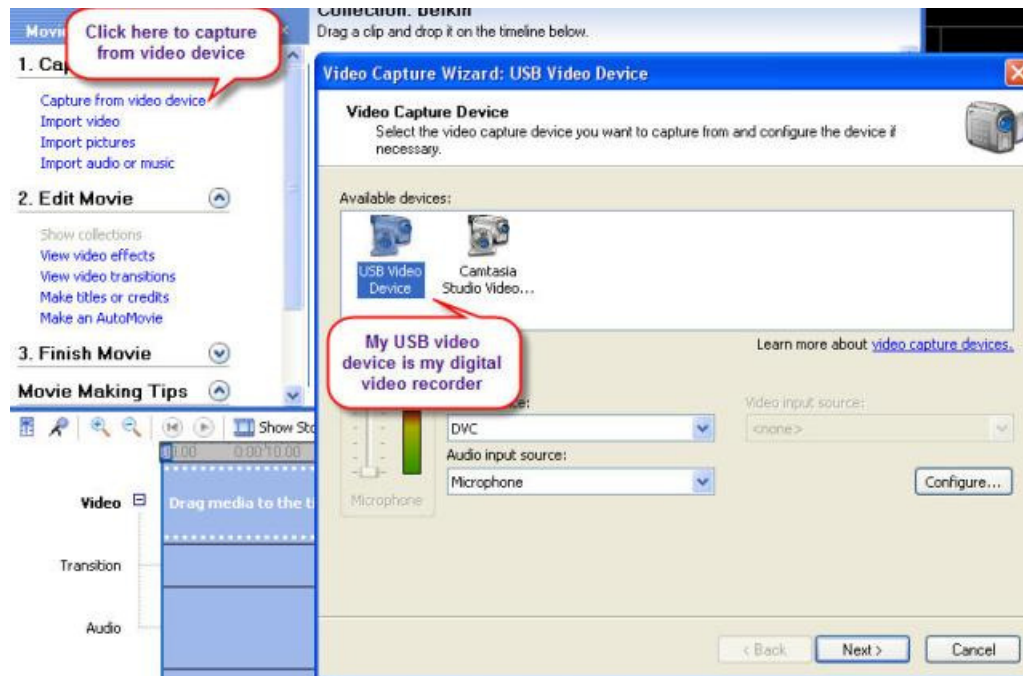
From my experience if you want to edit on a PC with Movie Maker the mini-DV recorders are a lot easier than both DVD and HDD. With a mini-DV recorder you can capture the video footage directly in Movie Maker. With the other types of recorders you are more likely to have to install the software that comes with the video recorder which is an issue if you are trying to keep the whole process simple. (NOTE: the software that comes with these devices normally has editing functions it is just that we use Movie Maker for a range of applications so it makes it easier to stick with using just Movie Maker).

Panasonic NV-GS27

Panasonic NV-GS27 digital video recorder is a mini-DV recorder so you record the video footage, then connect to computer using a mini USB cable. Switch recorder on and onto playback mode. Open up Movie Maker and follow instructions below to capture video from device to transfer the video footage from the recorder onto the PC.



Click on your device (refer to diagram below). My digital video recorder will not show if it is not switched on. Then click next and name your video (this is the name of the video you are recording by capturing footage from your device which will be a different name from your final video podcast). Now click next and then keep on Best Quality for play back on computer.



Start your video device playing and then click on capture. You should see the video playing in the preview screen. When you have finished click on stop capture and then finish. Do not worry if you have stopped too late or started too early because you edit this when you use Movie Maker. When you click on stock capture and then finish, it will break your video footage into clips (small sections - you will need to drag each section onto your timeline to have the entire footage).

